Status' on colleges is not conferred by the University Grants Commission, but by the Universities themselves. A list of existing autonomous colleges is attached as statement (See below):

(b) The scheme covers colleges of both professional as well as general education.

(c) According to the UGC scheme, colleges selected for autonomous status in consultation with the UGE, will be eligible for certain grants as per the norms prescribed in the Scheme. The Scheme also proposes that a review of the functioning of the autonomous colleges should be undertaken by the University after three years and that the Committee should, among others, consist of representatives of the UGC and the concerned State Government.

Statement

List of Autonomous Colleges in India

1. Regional Engineering College, Tiruchirapalli.

2. St. Joseph's College, Tiruchirapalli.

3. P.S.G. College of Arts & Science, Coimbatore.

4. P.S.G. College of Technology, Coimbatore.

5. Sri Avinashlingam Home Science College for Women, Coimbatore.

6. Sri Ramakrishna Mission Vidyalaya Arts & Science College, Coimbatore.

7. Government College of Technology, Coimbatore.

8. Loyla College, Madras.

9. Madras Christian College, Madras.

10. Vivekananda College, Madras.

11. Women's Christian College, Madras.

12. Y.M.C.A. College of Physical Education, Madras.

13. Lady Doak College, Madurai.

14. Madurai College, Madurai.

15. The American College, Madurai.

16. S. P. College for Women, Courtalam.

17. University College for Women, Hyderabad.

18. College of Arts and Science, Kamaroddy.

19. Lok-Bharati Seva Mahavidyalaya, Sonosara. Dist. Bhavnagar.

20. Lakshmibai National College of Physical Education, Gwalior.

Vayudoot service between Delhi-Bhatinda and Patiala

907. SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Vayudoot announced the commencement of its services between Delhi-Bhatinda and Delhi-Patiala with effect from 16th January, 1987, but the same have not started so far; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor ond by when the air service is likely to start between the two sectors?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Funds for National Highways in Punjab

908. SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) what is the criteria for release of funds for National Highways;

(b) the amount of funds allocated to Punjab for this purpose during the last three years;

(c) whether any proposal from Punjab regarding the declaration of new roads as National Highways and development of present National Highways is pending with the Central Government; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the present stage of their pendency?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) Funds for the development and maintenance of National Highways are released only for sanctioned works taking into account the requirement protected by the State/Union Territory Governments, their admissibility and availability of funds for the purpose during each year.

(b) Funds finally allotted to Punjab for the development and maintenance of National Highway in the State during the last three are indicate below:

(Rs. in lakhs)

Year	Development of National Highways	Maintenance of National Highways
1983-84	527.70	168.22
1984-85	701.12	194.11
1985-86	877.68	240.91

(c) and (d) During the Sixth Plan, the State Govt. had proposed the following two routes for being declared as National Highways:—

(i) Chandigarh-Fazilka (via) Ludhiana-Moga-Ferozpur; and

(ii) Chandigarh-Bhatinda (via) Patiala-Sangrur-Barnala.

However, owing to limitation of resources and other priority considerations, we are not in a position to declare either of these routes as National Highways.

Ernakulam-Kayankulam coastal Railway line

909. SHRI N. E. BALARAM: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to release adequate funds for the completion of the Ernakulam-Alleppey-Kayankulam Coastal railway line as was announced by the Prime Minister during his recent visit to Kerala; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b) Prime Minister during his recent visit to Kerala had formally inaugurated the construction of Alleppey-Kayankulam line and had announced additional funds for Ernakulam-Alleppey-Kayankulam new lines.

Additional Rs. 5.25 crore have been reappropriated to these New Line projects in addition to original allotment of Rs. 4 crore for 86-87.